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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director CALTRANS, 1120 N Street Sacramento, California 95814

Attention:

Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500

for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP AMENDMENT: KINGS NUMBER 1

We have completed our review of the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment No. 1 (Kings No. 1) submitted by your letter dated February 18, 1997. This amendment adds and/or modifies programming for projects in fiscal years 1996/97-1998/99 of the FSTIP as described in the Kings County Association of Governments' letter dated January 7, 1997.

We find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). Those projects added to the FSTIP by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134]. This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Region Nine offices of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

This letter constitutes FHWA/FTA joint approval and inclusion of amendment Kings No. 1 into California's 1996/97 through 1998/99 FSTIP.

Sincerely yours,

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